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CHARITY CHILDREN

BELONGING TO

St. ALPHAGE SOCIETY,

AT

CLAPHAM CHURCH, *Surry*,

On SUNDAY next, the 29th of *July*, 1781;

After a SERMON Preached in the Morning by the Rev. Mr. *MOORE*, Minor Canon of St. *Paul*'s, and Lecturer of St. *Sepulchre*'s;

For the BENEFIT of the ſaid CHILDREN.

*** Prayers will begin at Half paſt TEN o'Clock.

TWO VOICES.

THOU, Gracious LORD, who did'ſt reprove
That falſe, miſtaken Care,
Which check'd young Children, bronght by Love,
Thy flowing Grace to ſhare;

How wilt Thou now applaud and bleſs
Their gen'rous Piety,
Who ſav'd us from the worſt Diſtreſs,
And brought us, LORD, to Thee.

SOLO.

O! grace us with Thy pow'rful Touch,
And, in Thy Arms inclos'd,
Let it again be ſaid, of ſuch
Thy Kingdom is compos'd.

Thus ſhall their Pains have full Reward,
Who laid us at Thy Feet,
When in Thy Kingdom thus prepar'd
This tender Flock they meet. Solo and Chorus, *Hallelujah!*

St. *Alphage* SOCIETY conſiſts of a few well-diſpoſed Perſons, united upon a friendly Deſign to promote religious Knowledge and practical Holineſs among themſelves, and the Children taken under their Care. The Rules and Orders of it are entirely conformable to the Doctrine and Conſtitution of the Church of *England*. Upon its firſt Inſtitution in 1738, the Members, by a voluntary Contribution, ſupported a Lecture on *Friday* Evenings at St. *Stephen*'s Church, *Coleman-Street*: and in the Year 1751, eſtabliſhed a Charity-School for clothing and educating Twenty poor Children; who are inſtructed in the Principles of the Chriſtian Religion, and when of proper Age, and fit for the Services of Life, are placed in ſober and induſtrious Families.——After many Years, when by the Death or Removal of Subſcribers, the Income became inadequate to the Expence, the Miniſters who preached the Lecture, fully ſenſible of the Utility of the Inſtitution, gave up their Salary, and continued their Office without any Gratuity; in which Labour of Love they have lately been joined by ſeveral worthy Clergymen. But notwithſtanding this kind Relief, the Truſtees have found great Difficulty in carrying on their good Deſigns; and unleſs they had been occaſionally favoured with the Uſe of Churches for Charity Sermons, muſt long ago have diſſolved the Society, and diſmiſſed the Children. But they reſolve to perſevere, truſting in Divine Providence, that an Inſtitution, adapted to promote the Glory of God, and the Good of Mankind, and conducted with Integrity and Probity, will ſtill meet with Friends, and be bleſſed with Encouragement and Support.

☞ Subſcriptions and Contributions to this Charity are taken in by Mr. *Taylor*, No. 40, *Jewin-ſtreet*; and by the Stewards, in the Veſtry of the Church of St. Botolph, Alderſgate, any Wedneſday Evening.

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